

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-32 (cancelled)

33. (New) A polishing apparatus comprising:
a polishing member having a polishing surface that has at least one spiral groove therein;
a substrate holder adapted to hold a substrate and press the substrate against said polishing surface; and
an indicator in said at least one spiral groove.
34. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 33, further comprising:
a polishing table, with said polishing member being attached to said polishing table.
35. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 34, wherein
said indicator has a color that is different than a color of said polishing member.
36. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein
said at least one spiral groove comprises plural spiral grooves, and
an indicator is in said at least one spiral groove by being in each of said plural spiral grooves
at a bottom thereof.
37. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 36, wherein
said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.
38. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein
said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.
39. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 34, wherein
said at least one spiral groove comprises plural spiral grooves, and

an indicator is in said at least one spiral groove by being in each of said plural spiral grooves at a bottom thereof.

40. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.

41. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.

42. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said indicator has a color that is different than a color of said polishing member.

43. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said at least one spiral groove comprises plural spiral grooves, and an indicator is in said at least one spiral groove by being in each of said plural spiral grooves at a bottom thereof.

44. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.

45. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.

46. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said at least one spiral groove comprises plural spiral grooves, and an indicator is in said at least one spiral groove by being in each of said plural spiral grooves at a bottom thereof.

47. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.
48. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.
49. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said at least one spiral groove comprises plural spiral grooves, and an indicator is in said at least one spiral groove by being in an outermost one of said plural spiral grooves at a bottom thereof.
50. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said indicator is for allowing to be observed an extent to which said polishing member is worn.
51. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 50, wherein said indicator has a color that is different than a color of said polishing member.
52. (New) The polishing apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said indicator has a color that is different than a color of said polishing member.